

U. S. IN CHINA

Protest Against France by
Minister Conder.

ENTERED AT SHANGHAI

America Joins England in Vigorous
Objection to the Extension of
French Jurisdiction in the
Oriental Country.

PEKIN, Dec. 22.—United States
Minister Conder has entered a protest
against the proposed extension of
French jurisdiction at Shanghai.
This, added to the vigorous British
protest on the same subject, will un-
doubtedly stiffen Chinese resist-
ance to the French demands, but un-
less the Chinese are sustained they
will be compelled to eventually yield.

GEN. CORBIN ON THE WAR.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Adjutant
General Corbin testified before the
war investigation commission today.
He said the removal from Camp Alger
was dictated by the secretary of war
himself and that the original estab-
lishment was recommended by Cap-
tain Searburn of General Miles' staff.
He understood from the secretary of
war that General Miles had something
to do with the selection of the camp.
Asked when he first seriously appre-
hended that there would be hostilities
General Corbin said he might say that
he did not seriously contemplate war
until it was a fact, for he had hoped
to the last moment that it would be
averted. On April 10 the army, for
one of its size, was well equipped and
thoroughly supplied. There never was
an army, he said, better equipped,
better clothed and better fed, or with
better morals, than our regular army
at that time. He said that prior to the
war there had been no complaints of
inferior canned beef. It was used by
the armies of the world and in com-
mence. It was no new experiment.
"Seriously speaking," said General
Corbin, "I do not think the war de-
partment contemplated war until it
was declared by Congress and the ap-
propriations made available." He
said that when General Shafter's ex-
pedition started it took all the trans-
ports it was possible to obtain. The
supply was not equal to the demand.
It had been planned to carry 25,000
troops instead of 17,000. He referred
to the letter of General Miles dated
June 28, laying out the plan of the
war, which was not approved.

CURE FOR THE GRIP

Dr. Reynolds, of Chicago, Issues a
Bulletin Giving Advice.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The prevalence
of grip caused Dr. Reynolds, commis-
sioner of health, to issue yesterday the
same bulletin he issued a year ago in
reference to how the disease may be
combated. He says the present condi-
tions are so nearly identical with those
of last January that the same words
are opportune and the same necessity
exists for proper precautions to be
taken. Dr. Reynolds cautions against
struggling on with work when the dis-
ease appears. The best plan, he says,
is to take to bed and call in a physi-
cian. He closes with this advice:
"In some respects influenza resembles
consumption in its mode of propaga-
tion; therefore the same precautions
with regard to the secretions from the
nose, mouth and throat should be ob-
served. Those secretions literally
littered with the influenza bacilli, and
they should be immediately destroyed
or thoroughly disinfected, under the
advice of the attending physician. The
rooms, bedding, clothing, etc., of
influenza patients should be thor-
oughly disinfected."

PAID THEIR WAY

Allowance for the Members of the
Commission at Paris.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—It has
been learned that the American peace
commissioners and their assistants

have been obliged to pay all their
personal expense out of the compensa-
tion allowed them by the president.
The expense which the government
defrayed included office rent, station-
ery, and general expense. The hotel
bills of the commissioners were not
defrayed by the government. As the
personal expenses of the commis-
sioners were very high, a comparatively
small amount was left to each com-
missioner and each officer of the com-
mission out of the president's allot-
ment of salaries. Each commissioner
will receive about \$17,000 for his ser-
vices, and out of this he must pay all
personal expenses contracted on his
trip abroad. Secretary Moore will re-
ceive half the amount paid to each
commissioner, and as his personal ex-
penses were as heavy as those of the
members of the commission he will
fare worse than his superiors.

CHANGE OF VENUE

For C. L. Draper to Petersburg on a
Charge of Perjury.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL., Dec. 22.—
C. L. Draper, who was convicted in the
circuit court here last January of the
murder of Charles L. Hastings and
was subsequently cleared at Jersey-
ville, appeared in court yesterday to
answer to the charge of perjury. It
is alleged that Draper, at the coroner's
inquest over the body of Hastings,
denied all knowledge of the killing,
which he afterwards confessed.
Draper's attorneys asked a change of
venue, and the motion was granted.
The case will be heard at Petersburg,
Monroe county, in March next. Col-
onel Dyer of St. Louis is one of the
defendant's attorneys.

BROOMS GONE UP

Scarcity of Material Causes Increase
in Price of Sweepers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The Broom
Manufacturers' association of the
United States met here and decided to
advance the price of brooms 25 cents
per dozen. There is a general under-
standing that another advance will be
made in the next few weeks. Serious
shortage in broom corn crop is said to
be the cause of the advance. Farmers
curtailed planting on account of the
low prices.

HUMILIATION

A Much-Married Man Terribly Con-
science-Stricken at Aurora.

AURORA, ILL., Dec. 22.—Will-
iam Wright, alias William Portfield,
alias John Carr of Downer's Grove,
Ill., gave himself up to the Aurora
police last night, confessing to be a
bigamist. According to his story,
Wright has four living wives. Thir-
teen years ago he married Miss Sarah
Jones of Danville, Ill. He deserted
her to marry Ella Wilder of Pontiac,
Ill., and later married Lulu Laughlin
of Pickering, Mo. His latest wife
was Luna Kornau of Peoria, Ill.,
whom he deserted yesterday in Dow-
ner's Grove, Ill. His conscience
troubled him on reaching Aurora, and
he gave himself up.

OUR GIBRALTAR

Strengthening the Fortifications of
Old Fortress Monroe.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 22.—Fortress
Monroe, already styled the "Gibraltar
of America," is to be made even more
jornalable than now. It is proposed
to extend the fortifications at least
half a mile on the Chesapeake Bay
side, so that the big guns which now
command the entrance to the Virginia
capes can also guard the approaches to
Washington. Crushed stone, of which
1000 tons have arrived, will be used
mainly for the building of the de-
fenses.

SEVERNS SUICIDE

Boss of the Famous Seed House
Takes His Own Life.

DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 22.—This
morning John A. Severns, superinten-
dent of the F. M. Ferry Seed com-
pany, shot and killed himself at his
residence. He had been in poor health
for some time and is said to have
shown signs of insanity during the
past few days.

EDDIE COOK

Young Man Must Go to
the Penitentiary.

SUPREME COURT DECISION

Denies the Slayer of Miss Bennett, of
Marion, a New Trial—A Cele-
brated Case Ended
at Last.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 22.—

In the supreme court the deci-
sion of the lower court in the
Eddie Cook case was affirmed.
Cook has several times been sen-
tenced to the penitentiary from
Logan county on a charge of
killing Minnie Bennett of Marion,
by an abortion. The physician
who in reality is said to have
committed the crime committed
suicide. Cook was sentenced to
the penitentiary once, but ob-
tained a new trial. The supreme
court affirms the verdict of the
lower court and Cook will have
to serve his term.

COVENANT MUTUAL

BLOOMINGTON, Dec. 22.—

In the Illinois supreme court the
case of Rowell vs. the Covenant
Mutual Life Association of Gales-
burg was dismissed. It will be
remembered that the Covenant
Mutual raised the rate of assess-
ment to such a point as to
practically bar out its older
members. Meetings were held
all over the state, and resolutions
of indignation passed. Several
suits were brought against the
association. One of these was
begun in the McLean circuit
court by Capt. J. H. Rowell, a
policy holder, his contention be-
ing that the company had vio-
lated its contract with him in
raising the assessment. The
lower court decided against him,
and that decision is sustained.
It is presumed that the suit was
dismissed on the ground of lack
of jurisdiction, the matter be-
longing to the attorney general's
office.

CASES APPEALED

Many Will be Taken to a
Higher Court.

MOTIONS FOR NEW TRIALS

Were Made Today in the Circuit Court
but in Each Case Motion was
Overruled by Judge
Vail.

In the circuit court today the fore-
noon was occupied by the hearing of
arguments on motions for new trials.
In five cases motions for new trials
were made, but in each case the mo-
tion was overruled by Judge Vail and
appeals were prayed and allowed.
In the case of Joseph O. Merritt vs.
James A. Wheeler a motion was made
by the defendant for a new trial and
Judge Vail took the matter under con-
sideration until tomorrow. At noon
court adjourned until 9 o'clock tomor-
row morning. The entries on the
dockets were as follows:

CHANCERY.

Harriet A. Mitchell vs. Henry J.
Mitchell; divorce. Answer allowed
and decree allowed to stand and rule
to answer by tomorrow morning.

COMMON LAW.

D. W. Brenneman et al, appellants,
vs. Samuel McRoberts. Motion by
plaintiff for new trial and motion

overruled and judgment against plain-
tiff for costs.

William H. H. Slaughter vs. City
Electric Railway company; trespass.
Motion for new trial overruled and
judgment against plaintiff for costs.

DeWitt C. Corley vs. Peter H.
Brack, appellant; appeal. Motion
for new trial overruled and judgment
against plaintiff for costs. Bill of ex-
ceptions in 60 days.

William A. Wallace vs. the Wabash
Railroad company; assumpsit. Con-
tinued by agreement.

Henry W. Denny, appellant, vs.
Robert L. Walston et al. Motion for
new trial overruled and judgment on
the verdict and for costs. Appeal
prayed and allowed. Bond in sum of
\$300 in 20 days with surety to be ap-
proved by clerk by agreement and bill
of exception in 90 days.

Commissioners of Highways of Blue
Mound Township vs. Albert Bitter,
appellant; appeal. Motion by plain-
tiff for new trial. Motion overruled
and appeal prayed and allowed. Bond
in sum of \$200 in 20 days with surety
to be approved by the clerk by agree-
ment and bill of exceptions in 60 days.

W. Larrick, administrator, eto., vs.
the Wabash Railroad company; tres-
pass on the case. Motion for new
trial overruled and judgment on the
verdict and for costs. Appeal prayed
and allowed and bond in sum of \$1500
in 30 days with surety and bill of ex-
ceptions in 70 days.

Joseph O. Merritt vs. James A.
Wheeler; trespass on the case. Motion
by defendant for new trial.

L. L. Boblett vs. the West Union
Telegraph company; case. Settled
and suit dismissed at costs of defend-
ant.

AVOID ALUM BAKING POWDERS

Their Use is Dangerous to Health.

The condemnation of alum as an un-
wholesome ingredient in baking
powders by the government authorities
as well as by the Iowa and Minnesota
state boards of health and physicians
generally, has not deterred manufac-
turers of such powder from foisting
them on the public. Following is a
partial list of the condemned alum
powders found in the stores of this
section:

Calumet.	Grant's Improved.
Camco.	I. C.
Capital.	Jack Frost.
Chapman's.	Little Giant.
Chicago Yeast.	Perfect.
Climax.	Rocket.
Crown.	Snow Ball.
Delicatessa.	Snow Puff.
Forest City.	Standard.
Grant's Hon. Bon.	Unrivaled.

It is safe to reject all brands sold
with a prize. All powders sold at
twenty-five cents or less a pound are
sure to be made of alum. Dr. Wiley,
the government chemist, in his offi-
cial examination of baking powders at
the World's Fair, threw out all "alum
powders," classing them as unfit for
human food.

But the World's Fair could approve
as well as condemn. After the most
elaborate tests, it bestowed the high-
est award for purity, leavening power,
keeping qualities and general excel-
lence on Dr. Price's Cream Baking
Powder.

Contracts Let.

Architect R. O. Rosen was at Tay-
lorville Wednesday and let the con-
tracts for the plumbing and heating
and also the contract for the lighting
of the new city hall. The contract
for the latter was awarded to the Tay-
lorville Electric company. There were
four bidders for the plumbing and
heating. They were the Decatur
Plumbing and Heating Co., Downing,
Wells & Co. of Decatur and Powell &
Son and Kraft & Co. of Taylorville.
The contract was given to Powell &
Son, the bid being \$990.

Basket Ball.

The basket ball game to be played
next Monday afternoon by two Y. M.
C. A. teams is to be a good one. The
general secretary and the physical in-
structor will both take part. The as-
sociation lost \$18 on the game with
Springfield and they will charge 10
cents admission in the hopes of mak-
ing up the loss.

The members of the young ladies'
basket ball team of this city will go
to Springfield on December 27 to play
with a team of that place.

Stole a Bicycle.

Sherman Moore, a colored boy, is
in the county jail charged with hav-
ing stolen a bicycle. The wheel be-
longed to Harry English and was
stolen from Bradley Bros. Moore,
not satisfied with stealing the wheel,
ruined it by breaking the wheels and
taking off the tires. At the time he
was arrested Moore had two wheels
in his possession and it is likely they
were both stolen. The boy has been
in jail before for the same offense.
He was released after serving his sen-
tence and behaved himself for a while,
but now he has gone wrong again.

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shumart
of 352 West Cerro Gordo street, on
Thursday, December 22, a daughter.

—Lindley Jones and Chen Honsun
will arrive from Terre Haute this
evening at 7 o'clock to spend the hol-
idays.

SPAULDING TO NEWCOMER

A Parting Shot from the Doctor of
Medicine to the Doctor of
Divinity.

Eds. Republican:—Once the pupil of
a celebrated painter sought the secret
of his master's success and was as-
sured that to attain to eminence in
this or any art, he must mix his colors
and chemicals with brains. As a
pupil of Pathagoris I have profited by
the suggestion, and so, in the absence
of that essential ingredient in the mix-
tures concocted for me in the Review
by my friend "the seer and stu-
smiler," I shall ask him to kindly
excuse me from submitting to his
prescriptions. Dr. Newcomer will
pardon me if I reluctantly suggest to
him this other idea, that it requires
something more than eyes to see,
there must be brains behind them.
Hence it is that the seer utterly fails
to see and feel the force of an elegant
argument. Thomas Jefferson said:
"We may accurately measure a man
as well by what he rejects as what he
accepts." But when a man is too
stupid to draft an intelligent state-
ment, and, for that reason, supposes
himself a seer, we then have his mea-
sure and mental status in a moment.
The scriptures assure us that God is
no respecter of persons, and "the
word of God is true though every
man be a liar." In the presence of
such scriptures as these I dare to ques-
tion somewhat the credentials of Dr.
Newcomer as a sure-enough seer. For
the scriptures assure us that "the
Lord gave Solomon wisdom and under-
standing and largeness of heart exceed-
ing much," so that he composed 1005
Psalms and spake 3000 Proverbs, and
that he made him a seer and that has
good common sense was self-evident
and conspicuous. Now I don't believe
the Bible is untrue, but, grant heavens,
think of it, He promotes Solomon the
plutocrat and amorous sinner, He
makes him a seer and illumines his
mind until his intellect glows and
glows and scintillates above the grand-
est blaze of the Aurora Borealis, while
to the brain of our plumben seer is
grudgingly given but the faintest flash
of light, as it were, a sort of sorrow-
ful, uncertain flash and flickering and
fade, like the modest corrosion of
the lightning bug's tail. I hesitate to
believe that God would so discriminate
between his seers, and so on purely
scriptural grounds I am skeptical as to
the seer's credentials. But, my
brother, while both the Republican
and the undersigned believe your
grivance is wrongly referred; while
we believe that you haven't an idea
that is not antiquated and full of
fatal error; while we feel certain that
your cerebral camera is out of order
and thus your intellectual outlook is
but the hallucination of a disordered
fancy—still, if in the boldest flights
of a fervid fancy we could see any
sense in your wall about the wicked-
ness of all other Christians, the Con-
gress, the president and the Ameri-
can people, we would then look you
up and stifle your insane screeching
and "smiting sin" and imitate the
great and good McKinley in burying
the bloody shirt and substituting the
omnipotent power and potency of love.
Are you capable of comprehending
that to do anybody any good you must
love them and not damn them? It
seems to me that your philosophy is
full of "sin smiting," full of hate and
hence full of hell. Now, my friend,
you are getting in bad company. I
think most people will concur with
my conclusion that God Almighty
made the mistake of all His Eternity
if He has actually selected such ma-
terial as you are out of which to con-
struct a seer to smite the sins of Billy
McKinley. I find that the president
and all his cabinet, 90 per cent of the
Congress, the commanders of our army
and navy and many of their officers in
high command, are Christians. Now
if we are to believe your assertion
that these men, representing all polit-
ical parties and the majesty and
might of this grand government, "are
all scoundrels and seething in corrup-
tion," then the Christian religion is a
failure and a fraud; but sir, no one
will believe you. Pope has suggested
that:

"Some persons on their own course
reflect
And learn from thence their neighbor
to suspect."

You testify too much concerning
what you do not know, and, behind
the whole, every utterance is void of
love and is cynical and sour. There
is scarcely a thing whereof a truly
noble American is justly proud which
you have not aimed to smite with the
poisoned shaft of slander. The
hallowed deeds of daring and devotion
to his country that inspired the grand
and gallant Hobson and his immortal
crew to enter the jaws of death and
go into the gates of hell, and sink the
Merrimac across the hostile channel of
Santiago, a deed that mothers will
teach their children through all com-
ing ages as soon as they can lip their

earliest lessons, a deed so strikingly
sublime that he is hailed as a patriot
and hero from the rising to the setting
of the sun; this deed which, in the
earlier ages would have elevated him
to the eminence of a demi-god, im-
presses the prosy soul of the "sin
smiler" as a vulgar, vain and das-
tardly deed, calculated only to cover
the awful corruption of President Mc-
Kinley. Of all the 80,000,000 people
that make this government the pride
and glory of the globe, such an un-
patriotic absurdity has found a
habitat in his head alone. Every
hero, every patriot, every woman and
the tens of thousands of maidens who
carpet his path and cover his manly
form with flowers and kisses, all
would stand amazed at such a slander
and wonder from what lunatic asylum
the old seer has escaped? The presi-
dent of these United States needs no
defense from any source. Yourself
and your friends, the Spaniards, alone
of all the world have ever intimated
ought against his integrity or spotless
character. By universal consent Presi-
dent McKinley is the highest living
ideal of honesty and embodiment of
kindness, peace and love. Whether he
belongs to a church or not makes no
difference with you. Like Nero, you
seem to have a special appetite for
colored character and Christian blood.

A wretched Roman emperor once
wished that the whole world had
but one neck that he might cut it off. I
think you have thus far expressed no
evidence the slightest admiration, re-
spect or approval of anything on earth.
McKinley has forged his way from
private places up through the forest
canopy of great political principles,
until he stands today on the very
capitol of fame's temple, the foremost
man in all the world; and yet he never
spoke one bitter word in all his life
to friend or foe. He never had a per-
sonal enemy and he never met a po-
litical enemy but he made him his
personal friend. He has met and
mingled with every public man of
America during the last 25 years and
not one, except yourself, has ever
deemed him dishonest. He has dared
and delighted to go everywhere with-
out a guard, and especially so among
the grand and chivalrous southern peo-
ple whose "ugly prejudices" against the
United States government was once
almost equal to your own. McKinley
convinced these brave and noble peo-
ple that he is a Christian patriot and
in his broad and beautiful philan-
thropy he embraces them in the same
sincere love that he cultivates for the
whole human race. Such is their
confidence and love for him and such
the confidence of his countrymen north
and south that as president of our
united country he consents to wear to-
gether the confederate veteran with
the Grand Army of the Republic
badges without the criticism of a
single American citizen. While this
country was confronting its crisis on
entering into a foreign war, the Con-
gress, reposing in his integrity and
patriotism, placed \$50,000,000 in his
hands for defense, without other se-
curity than his grand Christian char-
acter. But in the presence of all this
applause, coming spontaneous from all
our people, the seer, blind as a bat and
with the dignity of an owl, opens his
mouth, saying, "Yewicked and perverse
generation, know ye not that all this
applause is but a military mania for
glory and greed in the interest of cor-
ruption?"

The president with impassioned
eloquence points to the American flag
floating over the Philippines and asks,
"Who would pull it down?" Here
is the path to glory for the sin smiler
and seer. Hobson is going over there,
but he is a patriot to whom it is un-
satisfactory to make such a suggestion; and
as for Dewey, it would be an act of
rebellion for the seer to get between
his fleet and the old flag while at-
tempting with sacrilegious hands to
tear down the nation's emblem from
floating in the sky.

And so we are logically confronted
with the same question whereon I
sought the inspired opinion of the seer
in my other article. Is McKinley
justified in floating forever the flag of
the free in the isles of the Orient?
Shall we extend our federal sov-
ereignty over all the islands we have
wrested from Spain? Shall we
amalgamate and weld and make these
people a part of our Republican civil-
ization, the same as we ever have the
millions who seek our shores and our
civilization from every kindred tribe
and tongue, from earth's remotest
realm? Shall we seize this providen-
tial opening, extend our commerce
and carry the cross and the stars and
stripes to those unfortunate millions
with all the benedictions that are
bound up in both? Or shall we shut

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SAGASTA ILL

Spain's Grand Old Man is Much Worse at Madrid Today.

MADRID, Dec. 22.—Senor Sagasta is worse today. He is very feverish. His condition caused Spanish interior securities to fall from 76 to 77.

TROOPS TOMANILA

American Forces in the Philippines to be Strengthened.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Instructions have been received from the war department for the Fourth Infantry at Fort Sheridan, and 17th Infantry at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, to sail for the Philippines on January 15. They go via New York and the Suez canal.

KILLED BY A BOY

Murder of a Deputy Sheriff in Chicago—Son and Mother Arrested.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Deputy Sheriff Frank B. Nye went to the house of Mrs. Marjorie Helen Crosby today to serve papers to secure possession of property which had been sold under a mortgage. The house was barricaded. The officer attempted to get in through a window. Mrs. Crosby's 13 year old son Thomas shot and killed him. Subsequently the boy and the mother were arrested.

DIAMOND SCARF PIN

Presented to Mr. F. J. Woulfe by Decatur Mill Company.

Frank J. Woulfe, the bustling representative for the Lohhigh and Wabash Despatch Fast Freight Line, was favored with a surprise Christmas gift this noon. It was a valuable diamond scarf pin which was presented through Newt Davis, with the best wishes of the officers of the Decatur Cereal Mill company, F. M. Pratt, president, down to the office force, all of whom have daily business relations with Mr. Woulfe. They desired to give him a fitting token of their appreciation of the uniform courtesies and the many business favors he has extended to the company during the past year, favors which have so largely contributed to the prompt shipments of goods sent to the Atlantic coast by the Cereal company for export to the foreign market. Mr. Woulfe, who is an old newspaper man, having been connected in years ago in an editorial capacity with leading Boston journals, is a connoisseur in jewels and rare goods, especially diamonds, and he will wear the Cereal Mill sparkler proudly while he modestly tips his hat to the donors and friends.

SANTA CLAUS TO-NIGHT.

Will Make His First Appearance at the Congregational Church.

Because of the large number of the teachers in the High school who attend the First Congregational church the Christmas entertainment for this year was put in their hands. The exercises will be held this evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The audience will be given a prop into the most delightful Christmas magazine, the "C. C. S. S.," as follows:

- Page 1—"Santa Claus Comes To-night."
- Page 2—"Just Before Christmas," poem by Carleton Cash.
- Page 3—"What the Angels Sing," Rose Fletcher and Celeste Davis.
- Page 4—"Santa Claus' Helpers," by Bernice Somerville.
- Page 5—"There Were Three Crows," original drawings.
- Page 6—"New Year's Party."
- Page 7—"Christmas Poem," Ruth Abbott.
- Page 8—"Music, Otto Keck.
- Page 9—"The Glory of the Christ Child."
- Page 10—"Christmas Angels."
- Page 11—"High School Glee Club.
- Page 12—"Arrival of Santa Claus."

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

Sunday School Entertainment of U. B. Church Friday Evening, Dec. 23.

- PART I
- Voluntary—Processional Anthem—"There Were Shepherds."
- Invocation.
- Song—"Christmas Roll."
- Recitations and Songs—By the Junior Department.
- PART II
- Cantata—"Christmas Eve at Grandpas."
- Grandpa King—Basso.
- Grandma King—Mezzo Soprano.
- Joseph, Albert, Bertha, Louise—Quartet.
- Charlie and Blanche.
- Little Bess.

At noon today at his office in the court house Judge Hammer united in marriage Calvin Quarry of Maroa township and Miss Florida Manly of Friends Creek township. The groom is a well known farmer who is five miles east of Maroa.

Guardian's Report.

William H. Bundy, guardian of Frederick, Samuel and Maud Newell, minor heirs of the late Charles H. Newell, today made a report in the county court. He reported that the total amount received from the estate so far was \$800 and showed the amounts paid to the heirs.

Surgical Operations.

Last Sunday Dr. R. L. Walsdon, assisted by Dr. McLean of Maroa and Dr. W. C. Wood of Decatur, performed two surgical operations at St. Mary's hospital. The surgeons removed an abdominal tumor from Mrs. Charles Trumbull of Maroa. Mrs. Mary Marshall of Farmer City had a similar operation performed. Both the patients are doing nicely.

DEATH RECORD.

E. B. DONALDSON.
E. B. Donaldson died of heart trouble today at his home, No. 970 North Edward street, aged 55 years. The time of the funeral has not yet been announced.

A Bad Day.

The people who were on the streets today suffered all kinds of weather. The day started out with rain and about 9 o'clock there was a wet snow which lasted for several hours. By the time the sidewalks and streets were covered with two or three inches of slush the sky cleared and the snow melted. It was by far the most unpleasant day so far this winter.

TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—The conference between General Manager Hays of the Grand Trunk road and the committee of the railway telegraphers ended this afternoon. The latter are now in private session. Everything indicates that a crisis has been reached.

All Chief Powell will say is that by tomorrow noon it will be known whether there will be a strike or not.

FRANCE WARLIKE

Big Money Voted Today to Complete the New Artillery.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The chamber of deputies unanimously voted a credit of 66,000,000 francs to complete the new artillery.

Ran Into a Wheel.

Levi Knisely, a wheelwright employed at the Safford and Hunt Cereal mills, ran into a piece of moving machinery in the basement of the mills on Tuesday evening and was painfully injured about the head. There were several ugly cuts about the head and face and one ear was lacerated. Dr. William Catto attended him. The injuries are not of a serious nature and he will be out in a few days. He lives at 272 East Condit street. He is unable to tell just how the accident occurred but it is thought that he accidentally walked into a moving wheel and was stunned by the blow.

—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gillespie will spend the holidays with relatives at Springfield.

—Miss Myrtle Flint will arrive this evening from Normal to remain until after the Christmas holidays.

—George Flint, who has been ill for nearly two months, is convalescent.

—George Mueller, who has been sick four weeks, with the grip, was able to be about the house today for the first time.

A Monte Carlo Tragedy.

Mr. Poppe, of Germany, with his wife and a friend, went to Monte Carlo recently to win a fortune on a sure system of betting devised by the friend. They lost \$2,000, and determined to commit suicide. The three sat down on the bench at Antibes, then walked into the water up to their necks; each held a revolver, and at a word from Poppe put it to the head and fired. "The Poppes were killed instantly, but the friend survived long enough to tell the story."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

The Pope Has No Debts.

Pio Nono bequeathed to the church \$5,000,000 francs in gold. Leo XIII. has already doubled that sum, which is deposited among various European banks. The holy see has no debts, those which existed having been paid by the present pope.—Albany Argus.

"Silk and Wool Challies just received at Bradley Bros. New Patterns for 1899. Dec. 19-24"

There are more public holidays in Honolulu than in any other city in the world.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing, is requested to call on H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone or W. H. Hubbard and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

Experience teaches people a lot of things they would rather not know.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

For Pneumonia.
Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia. The past month with good results." H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

In politics and courtship a third party is usually undesirable.

A good-sized dining room is to be had in an empty stomach.

WIT AND WISDOM.

All men are liars, but not all liars are men.—Detroit Journal.

Amateur Hunter (after missing a rabbit)—"Well, you brute, if you prefer it that way, I can get you just as well at the butcher's."—Fiegeude Blatter.

"They say too much eating dulls the mind." "Then that must be why people who depend upon their pens for a living are so bright."—N. O. Times-Democrat.

Every time a girl visits at a house, the men folks are kept in a dazed condition trying to figure out how she got so many clothes into one little trunk.—Athenian Globe.

Tourist—"Your mortality here seems very low." Reuben—"Well, yer see, our only physician is our insurance agent, and we pay our only undertaker a salary."—Chicago Journal.

Mrs. Hunt—"From what I hear of your husband I should infer that he is a man of iron will." Mrs. Blunt—"You're right he is, and pig-iron at that."—Richmond Dispatch.

"Don't you know it's against the law to pour that water into the milk?" said a passer-by. "I'm only trying to drown the microbes, sir," said the milkman, with a smile.—Yonkers Statesman.

The Optimist—"These franchise grabs could not occur if the guardians of the people's interests would keep their eyes open." The Pessimist—"Instead of their hands."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"I think," remarked the fond mother, "that our little Willie will make a noise in the world some day." "I shall have no objection," retorted little Willie's father, "if it will help to keep him from howling at night."—Judy.

THE QUEEN'S ALMS-KNIGHTS.

Indigent Gentlemen of the Order of the Military Knights of Windsor.

While chronicling the movements of the queen reference is now and again made in the daily press to the Military Knights of Windsor. Nevertheless, but few who read about their doings know of what that order consists. They are officers who have distinguished themselves in some of the innumerable little wars, and yet in their old age find themselves solely dependent on a very diminutive pension. From the queen they served so faithfully and well they receive an annuity and a lodging in that vast palace, Windsor castle. The order is, indeed, a pendant to that better-known home for the veterans of the rank and file, Chelsea hospital. Its history is peculiarly interesting. When the gallant warrior, King Edward III., founded the Order of the Garter, he ordained that each of the 26 companions should be allowed to present an "almshouse" to the provision made for them by the king. According to the original grant these veterans were to be "such as through adverse fortune were brought to that extremity that they had not of their own gewerth to sustain them to live so genteelly as became a military condition." That they might live "genteelly" they were given a lump sum of 40 shillings a year, and 12 pence each day they attended the royal chapel—a small pension, it seems to us, but it must be remembered that money has vastly decreased in purchasing power since those early days.

But evil fortune awaited the alms-knights. They had been placed under the supervision of the canons of St. George's chapel, and these priests seemed to have bullied them unmercifully. Under George IV. the quarrel had grown to such a pitch that the king interfered. Monks carried long tales to the monarch of the insubordination shown by the stout old warriors to the rules that had been made for their government. The alms-knights replied, but in cunning they were no match for their adversaries; "deeds not words" might have been their motto. In the end they were shut off from the royal bounty, and, as an old chronicler of the times remarks, "how they next subsisted doth not fully appear." Bluff King Hal, however, took pity on the poor old men that yet remained in the land of the living and set apart certain lands for their maintenance. Queen Bess added to their lodgings, but issued a series of strict regulations as to their behavior, which well became the maiden queen, however distasteful they were to the alms-knights themselves. Their old enemies, the canons of St. George's chapel, were informed that they were to consider themselves responsible for their behavior, and severe penalties awaited a "haunter of taverns" or a "keeper of late hours." When the queen visited Windsor or they were to be ready to salute her; lastly it was ordained that no married man could be admitted to the order, bachelors and widowers being alone eligible.

Until the reign of William IV. their uniform was more ornamental than comfortable. Indeed, during hot weather it must have been well-nigh intolerable, consisting, as it did, of a flowing red mantle, decked with a "scutcheon of St. George" upon the shoulder. Since the reform instituted by that king, however, it has consisted of a red swallow-tail coat, dark blue trousers, cocked hat with red and white plumes, crimson silk sash and a leather belt for a sword. Of course it is only on full-dress occasions that the veterans thus gayly bedeck themselves. Remarkably well they look, with their kind old faces beaming above the rows of medals that proclaim their past achievements. They still mourn the discontinuance of their famous banquet on St. George's day, but presents of game from the royal preserves doubtless reconcile them to the loss of their annual feast.—London Quiver.

The Cornfed Philosopher.
"If old man Methusalem had any property," said the Cornfed Philosopher, "what a lot of fun he must have had after he got to be about 500 or 600 years old and his younger relations began to be kind to him."—Indianapolis Journal.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

In four days last week at Minier even tons of poultry were marketed.

When you ask for De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of Piles being cured by this, than all others combined. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

BRADLEY BROS.
An Umbrella Bargain!

We have placed on sale 250 choice Silk Umbrellas—26-28 inch, Taffeta Silk, steel rods; Paragon Frame, silk case and tassel—with the very choicest handles; Long Pearl Handles with sterling silver trimmings, burned ivory handles with sterling silver trimmings; Dresden balls and post with gold and silver trimming, French horn handles, new patterns.

This lot of Umbrellas are worth from \$5.50 to \$9.00 each.

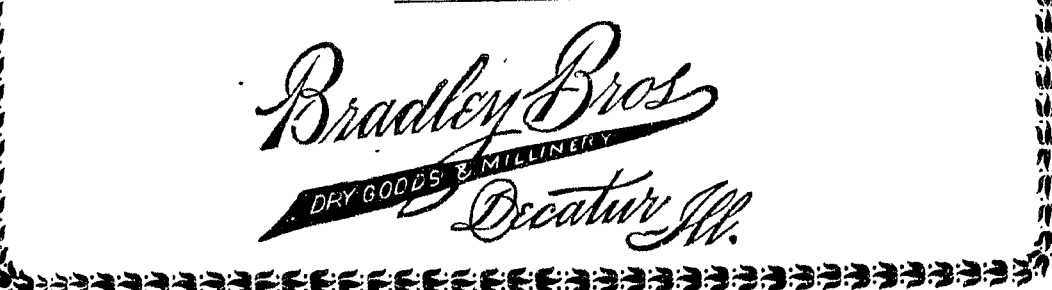
OUR PRICE **\$3.98** EACH.

Kid Gloves...

Another good lot to sell at \$1.00. This time we think we have enough to go around. A regular \$1.50 quality. The ideal clasp, fine quality kid, embroidered backs, Oxbloods, Blues, Modes, Tans, Browns, Green, Black, White, Cream.

Jouvin Kid Gloves...

The celebrated Jouvin Gloves in all the New Winter Shades, for street and evening wear.



CONFLICTING TESTIMONY.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 22.

—Dr. Tyrrell was the first witness for the defense in the Botkin case. His testimony absolutely contradicted that of the Misses Henry and Dittman, who swore that on the afternoon of July 31, at 8 o'clock, they sold Mrs. Botkin a box of chocolates. Dr. Tyrrell swore that he was attending Mrs. Botkin professionally at that time that day.

ATTENDANCE IS GOOD.

Many Eat 'Possum With the Members of the A. M. E. Church.

The dinner and fair opened by the members of the A. M. E. church in the Gallagher block is still in progress and will continue until Saturday evening. There was a large attendance at the turkey and 'possum dinner today. Wednesday evening the contest for a gentleman's umbrella was decided and Solomon Lee was the winner. The contest for the collar-otto will be decided this evening. The contestants are Mrs. John Williamson and Miss Lizzie Blue. There will also be a baby show this evening and the best baby will receive a dozen photographs donated by Leforgee, the photographer.

Buckley's Arnica Salve.
The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fayer Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Affections, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Injured His Wrist.
Yesterday afternoon L. H. Rude slipped and fell on the sidewalk and dislocated his right wrist. The injury was quite a painful one. Dr. Wilhelm reduced the fracture.

—Andrew Vise will leave this evening for Cincinnati, where he will visit relatives for two weeks.

When you have eaten too much, or when you suffer from any form of Dyspepsia or Indigestion, remember that Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. It cures the worst forms of Dyspepsia. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

What is commonly known as heart disease is frequently an aggravated form of Dyspepsia. Like all other diseases resulting from indigestion, it can be cured by Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

Envy is the antagonist of the unfortunate.—Epictetus.

Constipation prevents the body from ridding itself of waste matter. De Witt's Little Early Risers will remove the trouble and cure Sick Headache, Biliousness, Inactive Liver and clear the complexion. Small, sugar coated don't gripe, or cause nausea. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

We Sell Christmas Presents too

We show the largest line of Pocket Cutlery in Central Illinois—over 200 different patterns to select from, varying in price from 10c to \$4.00. Quality guaranteed.

- Carving Sets,
- In great variety.
- Dainty Bird Carvers.
- Table Cutlery.
- Fancy Tea and Coffee Pots
- Fancy Bread and Cake Boxes and Flour Bins.
- Skates.
- Sleds.
- Wagons:
- New Air Rifles,
- Single shot and repeaters.
- Scroll Saws.
- Tool Chests.

Beginning with Wednesday we will be open evenings the balance of the week.

Morehouse & Wells Co.,
134-140 East Main Street.

NEW UPRIGHT PIANOS.

\$225, \$250, \$275, \$300

WASHBURN
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GUITARS, VIOLINS, BANJOS, AUTOHARPS, STRINGS, &c.

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Gloves, Handkerchiefs
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Men's Fine Colored Shirts.
Men's Fine White Shirts.
Gloves, Handkerchiefs,
Jewelry,
Underwear, Night Robes,
Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets.

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Big Cut in Prices of
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SILVER and GOLD PRESENTS.

New, bright, clean and up-to-date Silver
Novelties.

Stick Pins, elegant line of Diamonds, Opal
and Fancy Stone Rings—must be seen
to be appreciated.

For RELIABLE WATCHES come and see us.

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When buying here you can rely on CORRECT GOODS AT CORRECT PRICES.

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Just Received...

ANOTHER SHIPMENT

Air Rifles...

They came late.
Will sell them this week:

SINGLE SHOT..... 75c
REPEATER..... \$1.00

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EAT THE BEST.
LIFE WILL BE SWEETER.

INFERIOR GOODS
SHORTEN LIFE—

Therefore buy the
Best only at
HEILMAN'S, Lincoln Square.

LOCAL NEWS.

Vive Cameras, Opera House Drug Co.

Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.

Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure head
aches. 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.

Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on

any goods. Collateral, best rates.

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You pay a little more for the clothes

that Denz makes but—

Order Turkey for Christmas at the

Royal Market.—12-dtf

There will be a Christmas tree

at St. Paul's German Lutheran church

on Sunday night, beginning at 7:30

o'clock.

Hand Mirrors, Opera House Drug Co.

75 Pieces of All Wool and Silk and Wool

Dress Goods marked down to close out

the week at Bradley Bros., \$1.25 Dress

Goods at 75c, \$1.00 Dress Goods at 49c.

Dec. 19 dtt

Pictures and Frames 15 cents and up.

Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co.—22-dtf

Picture Frames 10 cents and up

Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co.—22-dtf

Florence McCarty of South Webster

street was an applicant before the

Decatur pension board yesterday for an

increase of pension.

The Nearest Toilet Cases at Neisler's.

—16-dtf

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Smith, Rev. and

Mrs. Chock and Mr. and Mrs. G.

M. Cox were guests at a birthday

anniversary surprise which was given

Mrs. H. M. Wilson at her home in

South Wheatland township on Wednes-

day. A turkey dinner was served at

noon. Mrs. Wilson received a number

of gifts.

Ordinary household accidents have

no terrors when there's a bottle of Dr.

Thomas' Electric Oil in the medicine

chest. Heads burns, cuts, bruises,

sprains. Instant relief. For sale by

all druggists.

California fruits at Glossner's, 148

East Prairie.

For Sale.—A new sewing machine at

one-fourth the regular price. Apply to

O. Ewing, corner of West Main and Pine

street.—20-dtf

Seven new members were initiated

into the Maccabees last evening.

They were W. F. Carter, S. J. Her-

man, Joseph Butrum, W. H. Fudge,

W. C. Eaton, George Ellsworth and

Fred Wilson. On the first Wednesday

in January the Maccabees will hold

an open installation. State Commu-

dator Downer of Chicago will be pres-

ent.

"Itching hemorrhoids were the

plague of my life. Was almost wild.

Doan's Ointment cured me quickly

and permanently, after doctors had

failed." O. F. Cornwell, Valley

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Atomizers for everybody at Neisler's.

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Holly, green roping and wreaths of

all kinds, cut flowers and potted plants

at N. Bonniorsbach.—19-dtf

Dinner. Where? On East Main

street. How much? 25 cents. Supper

25 cents. Where does the money go?

To pay off the Baptist church debt.

All right, we'll go.—17-dtf

Going Home to Spend Christmas.

Cheap rates via the P. D. and E.

Ry. during the holidays. Confer freely

with ticket agent as to particulars, or

correspond with A. G. Palmer, G. P.

A, P. D. and E. Ry., Evansville, Ind.

—2-28d

Five Per Cent Money.

We have on hand a special fund to

loan on first class real estate security

at 5 per cent interest. Call at once.

Poddecoor, Burrows & Co.—31-dtf

Assembly Reorganized.

The Assembly Dancing club was re-

organized at the office of Suffern,

Hunt & Co. last evening. The com-

mittees were appointed as follows:

Arrangements and Program—Will

Armstrong, Luther Roby and Joe

Bixby.

Invitation—Robert Vail, Robert

Maffit and James Johnson.

The following officers were elected:

President—Joe Bixby.

Secretary—T. B. Jack.

Treasurer—Will Hammer.

It was decided to give a series of

three dances. The first will be held

at the Guards' armory on December

27, the others after the first of the

year.

Coughing

Constant coughing is very annoying,

and the continuous hacking and irri-

tation will soon attack and injure the

delicate lining of the throat and air

passages. Take advice and use Dr.

Bull's Cough Syrup in time. This

wonderful remedy will cure you.

Dr. Bull's

COUGH SYRUP

Cures a Cough or Cold at once.

Doses are small and pleasant to take. Doctors

recommend it. Price 25 cts. At all druggists.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

Elected at First M. E. Church Last Evening.

The Sunday school board of the
First M. E. church met at the church
last evening immediately following
the regular prayer meeting services
and elected the following officers to
serve for the ensuing year:

Superintendent—Frank Ewing.

First Assistant Superintendent—R.

A. Augustine.

Second Assistant Superintendent—

George T. Tucker.

Superintendent Intermediate Depart-

ment—Miss Sarah Imboden.

Superintendent Primary Department—

Miss Mamie Davis, Miss Celeste

Hoffman, assistant.

Secretary—Frank Suffern.

First Assistant Secretary—Will

Brott.

Second Assistant Secretary—Charles

Imboden.

Treasurer—Allen Litzinger.

Chorister—Milton Johnson, Jr.

Pianist—Miss Mary Clark.

President Sunday School Mission-

ary Society—Mrs. T. B. Ewing.

Treasurer Sunday School Missionary

Society—Milton Johnson, Sr.

PERSONAL.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McLean of

Marion were in the city yesterday.

—Mrs. Charles Croxley of North

Church street is ill.

—Mrs. Page, an old resident of Ma-

con county, residing north of the city,

is ill of erysipelas.

—J. H. Myers and family and son,

Jack Myers, will leave Friday for

Stonington, where they will spend

Christmas with relatives and attend a

family reunion.

—Rev. M. B. Spauld went to Finner

City yesterday to assist Rev. Z. T.

Hutfield in conducting revival ser-

vices.

—Mrs. George Wilson of Argenta,

Miss Emma Malone of Orona and the

Misses Fannie and Annie Boyer of

Argenta were shopping in the city

yesterday.

—Marney Milliken, who was ex-

pected to be in Decatur for the holi-

days, will go to Ft. Thomas, Ky.,

where he will visit his sister, Mrs.

James L. Bevans, who is with her

husband, Dr. Bevans, stationed at that

place.

COFFEE CAUSED IT.

A Simple Way to Locate the Cause of Disease.

I was troubled for years with my
stomach, and took all sorts of reme-
dies, without being able to get well.
I did not know all this time what was
the cause of the trouble, but since I
quit drinking coffee, I found out that
was the enemy that cost me so many
days and nights of suffering.

Within an hour after breakfast
when I would drink a cup of coffee, I
would spit up the meal, and if I
drank coffee for supper, I would go to
bed and my nerves twitched and
jerked so badly that I was afraid to
lie down.

Sometimes my stomach would flutter
terribly.

I was afraid I would have paralysis
and I firmly believe I would if I had
kept on using coffee.

I believe so much coffee drinking is
the whole cause of so many dying
with paralysis and heart trouble.

All I can say is all this nervousness
and stomach trouble has left me since
I have been using Postum Food Coffee
according to directions on the package
and I know of quite a number that
have been helped by Postum.

If people would use Postum Cereal
Food Coffee, they would save hun-
dreds of dollars in doctors' bills, and
children would be stronger and
brighter if their parents would use it
instead of coffee. Of course, it has to
be made right, but that is easy. Just
let it boil fifteen or twenty minutes
after it really starts to boiling, and
you have a splendid drink. Mrs.

Annie Van Buskirk, 2633 Santa Fe

Ave., Ft. Madison, Iowa.

Officers Installed.

Decatur Court, No. 10, colored

auxiliary to A. F. & A. M., No. 17,

installed the following officers last

evening:

Most Worthy Matron—Mrs. Annie

Ward.

Senior Matron—Mrs. Robert Rogan.

Secretary—Miss Prudence Rogan.

Treasurer—Mrs. Charity Valentine.

Joshua—George Dyal.

Gate Keepers—Mrs. James Hollinger

and Mrs. George Davis.

Richard Woodford was master of

ceremonies.

The following officers were installed

by Decatur Lodge, No. 17, A. F. & A.,

Mr. Robert Rogan acting as installation

officer:

W. M.—Richard Woodford.

S. W.—Moses Jones.

J. W.—W. C. King.

Secretary—Ed Thomas.

Treasurer—Hue Singleton.

Tyler—George Denis.

Chaplain—Ed Gray.

S. D.—Ed Dyal.

J. D.—Lonis Ernest.

S. S.—Ed Caldwell.

J. S.—James Brummell.

A New Firm.

J. W. Bailey, E. C. Thayer and

Myrth Wishart have formed a partner-

ship and have opened an employment

agency. Main office under King's

drug store. Ladies department at

room 306 Milliken building. Tele-

phone 1983.

THIEF CAPTURED

Had Stolen Goods in His
Possession.

HIS NAME IS CHRIS LAUX

And He Lived in Oklahoma District
With Josie Beadles Who

Was Also Ar-
rested.

A man who gives his name as Chris

Laux is locked up in the county jail

and there seems to be little doubt but

that he is a thief and had been oper-

ating on the wholesale plan. He was

arrested last evening when the officers

found in his possession a large amount

of goods which were probably stolen.

Laux has been living with a woman

named Josie Beadles, alias Paris, and

they resided in the Oklahoma district

south of the city. A warrant was

sworn out against the woman charg-

ing her with using obscene language

and was given to Sheriff Lehman to

serve. Officer Somerville of the city

police force accompanied the sheriff

and when they approached, Laux, evi-

dently thinking they were after him,

ran away. This aroused the suspicion

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the funeral business is furnished and attended to in the most
receptive prompt attention. In connection a receiving hall,
Residence Telephone 124. Office, 124.



Unless the proper precautions are taken, death will lurk in every home. It does the footsteps of husband and wife and children alike. If the husband is an ambitious man, the chances are that he will overwork and overworry and take insufficient time to rest and sleep. At first he may feel but trying all his exertions. Then he will have headaches, loss of appetite, loss of sleep, and in the morning drowsiness. If the wife is a domestic goddess, she will do all the housework and take no time for herself. She will be a martyr to the household and her health will suffer. She will be a martyr to the household and her health will suffer. She will be a martyr to the household and her health will suffer.

TO PAY CHURCH DEBT.

Fourth Division of Ladies' Aid of Baptist Church Serve Dinner and Supper. Ladies of the fourth division of the Baptist Aid society of the First Baptist church served a turkey dinner and room next door to the H. O. A. hall on East Main Street to the ladies of the division on Friday evening. For luncheon was turkey, mashed and sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, pickles, bread and butter, corn, and tea. For supper was cold turkey, cold meats, salad, cake, and fruit. The ladies of the division are as follows: First table—Mrs. H. M. Wood, as hostess; Mrs. N. T. Watson, and Mrs. Stella Rouch. Second table—Mrs. Bonnie Huttenpiller, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Lott. Third table—Mrs. C. W. Bea, as hostess; Mrs. Lobough and Mrs. E. H. H. Fourth table—Mrs. Mary Snyder, as hostess; Mrs. Smith and Mrs. W. L. Fifth table—Mrs. Lulu Richardson, as hostess; Mrs. G. L. Sixth table—Mrs. L. N. Martin, as hostess; Mrs. W. R. and Mrs. Adam Seaford, Mrs. A. H. Wood. In addition is in charge of the officers of the division, who are Mrs. Adam Seaford, president and Mrs. A. J. Wood, treasurer.

The fancy counter contains many new and useful articles in the shape of purses, made from a wishbone, and like a pickamony, hearth mats, dressed to represent a Dinah doll, dolls made from clothes, dolls, puppets, etc. It is in charge of Mrs. G. W. Smith, Mrs. F. H. Struggs and Mrs. O. F. Smith. The proceeds will be devoted to the \$1000 pledged by the Ladies' Aid society toward the payment of the church debt.

What Do the Children Drink?

Give them tea, or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN O? It is a new and nutritious food, and takes the place of the more grain. It is a new and nutritious food, and takes the place of the more grain. It is a new and nutritious food, and takes the place of the more grain.

There are 40,000 native pupils in the Sunday schools of the Fiji islands.

Who is dumb? He who does not know how to say kind things at the proper time.—From the Hindu.

MARRIAGE IN IRELAND.

Shrove-tide the Great Nuptial Season—Parents Arrange the Matches.

The great marrying time in Ireland is Shrove-tide. During the 10 days of Lent the Irish peasantry, in obedience to the circumstances of the church, abstain from matrimony as well as from eggs, butter and milk. Some time before the approach of that holy season a farmer with a marriageable son or daughter whom he desires to see settled tells his friends and neighbors of the fact. He usually conveys the intelligence in an indirect, offhand manner. He meets a friend at the fair or market and says, with a laugh: "A husband here, Jim, I'm turning up my little Maggie for your Johnnie. Ah, now, Jim, the other says 'you can't get it for nothing' but I mind you my little Johnnie is a paragon. The boy do beavin' what a great fortune he'll warrant with his wife. The lady of the house is a beauty, and the parents are as good as settled. It's a fine match, and it often happens that a large number of matches are made in this way. It is a fine match, and it often happens that a large number of matches are made in this way.

Put happily many of the marriages in rural Ireland have their origin in romance. The match is made by the boy and girl themselves. An Irish peasant maid in the heyday of her youth, with her pretty figure, her abundant black hair, her large blue eyes, with her dimpled half a smile, and her boy has too often an impressionable heart and a "dazzling tongue" to resist the advances of the "dancing queen."

The youthful couples meet at dances or on Sunday after masses—even a wake or a funeral—on a little country road, and they are in a hurry to get away. The boy is a "dancing queen" and the girl is a "dancing queen." The boy is a "dancing queen" and the girl is a "dancing queen." The boy is a "dancing queen" and the girl is a "dancing queen."

When the day has been named whether by arrangement between the boy and girl themselves or through the intermediary of their parents, preparations are made on the most extensive scale for a grand wedding. It is considered essential in the humblest circles that for the honor of the family the guests at the wedding, which include sometimes the whole of the countryside, should have lots of eating and drinking—lamb's and lamb's of every thing. Closeness on such an occasion is the unforgivable social sin—Macmillan's Magazine.

Hawks and Eagles in Scotland.

The extermination of eagles and hawks in Scotland is not so much the fault of the game preserver as it is of the egg collectors. Two or three pounds apiece is readily paid for eggs of any scarce birds of prey, and dealers offer five pounds each for golden eagles' eggs, the retail value being from ten to twelve pounds for a single specimen. With a ready sale at such prices, the keepers are not likely to "kill the goose that lays the golden egg." But it is none the less true that this process of extermination has cleared Scotland of all the rare rapacious birds which formerly existed in the highlands.—Washington Star.

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

A whale yields 18,000 pounds of oil.

A lady's foot should equal in length one seventh of her height.

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ROBBED A STORE

Wholesale Stealing at Mt. Pulaski.

A WAGON LOAD OF GOODS

Was Taken From the Business House of J. P. Fowler—Supposed That Two Strangers Did the Work.

The store of J. P. Fowler at Mt. Pulaski was robbed last night and a large amount of goods stolen. The burglary was not discovered until this morning when the store was opened and it was found that dresses, gowns, silks and satins and a number of felt boots had been taken.

There was nothing small about the robbery. They had backed a wagon up to the back door, gained an entrance and then loaded the wagon with the stolen goods. The Decatur police were notified of the robbery and will be on the watch for the burglars. There were two young men at Mt. Pulaski yesterday and it is thought that they were the ones who committed the burglary. They came to Fowler's store and each purchased a pair of boots and therefore had an opportunity of looking around the place.

SALE BLOWN OPEN.

A sale in a business house at Gibson City was blown open last night. The burglars, however, were frightened away and did not succeed in getting any of the money in the safe.

CARLISTS ACTIVE

No Lot Up in Spain by Friends of the Pretender.

MADRID, Dec. 22.—The Carlist agitation continues in several of the northern provinces. A number of agitators have been arrested. The report that Don Carlos had contracted a loan in England is denied, though it is admitted that he tried, but failed.

Choice Christmas Meats.

The choicest line of Christmas meats will be found at the Royal Market. Sir Royal made a grand carcass of beef and the Smith yearling steers were prime. The lamb fed by William Coombe are choice and the best veal calf that will be seen in the city was fed by John Sawyer of Forsyth Choice pork from the farm of J. G. Imboden. A full line of dressed and live turkeys, ducks, geese and chickens. Fresh fish and oysters. Some choice smelts, lobsters and shrimps. Call and see the meats and leave your order.

Gentlemen.

Take your suit and faded suit or overcoat and get them dyed, cleaned and pressed to look like new for Christmas. Miller's Dye House does the best dyeing, cleaning and scouring in the city. They can make your suit and faded suit look equal to new at a small cost. Dye works and office 145 North Main street.—21-dit.

—Miss Florence Lyon will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lyon of West Eldorado street.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver is inactive, you have a bilious look, if your stomach is disordered you have a dyspeptic look, if your kidneys are affected you have a pinched look. So cure good health and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alterative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys, purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores. 50 cents per bottle.

—W. T. Downing went to Jacksonville this morning to accompany his daughter Maude home from the Jacksonville Female Seminary.

COUNTY NEWS

HARRISTOWN.

The corn in the vicinity of Harristown is about all gathered and the farmers are ready to eat turkey. Owing to the scarcity of corn there is no corn going to market at this place. The elevator and cribs are all full.

William Smith sold a lot of fat cattle last week. They sold for \$5 per 100 in Chicago. Mr. Smith is acknowledged to be one of the best feeders in this community.

The Sunday school of the Christian church is busy preparing a cantata which they will render next Saturday evening at the church.

Mr. Cross has moved into his new house and is enjoying the comforts of a neat home.

MT. ZION.

Rev. Cookman is holding a revival at New Hope.

Mrs. S. R. May, Judd Readhead, Rex Hughes and Miss Minnie Reed visited the school on Friday.

The Brownies attended church at New Hope on Friday night.

Decatur visitors Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith and daughter, Gladys; Miss Lottie Rinning, Mrs.

INN AND SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Fine Furs. Just in Time for Christmas.



This morning's freight brought a large invoice of Fashionable Furs—goods that have been delayed in shipment, but fortunately reach us in time for the Holiday selling. Because of their tardiness in arriving they have been priced unusually low to induce spirited buying the next few days.

Ladies' Collarettes...

Imitation Marten and Electric... \$6.49
Krimmer and Muffaloon... \$10.00
Electric and Krimmer... \$15.00
Persian and Electric... \$20.00
Electric and Stone Marten... \$22.50
Genuine Marten... \$25.00
Genuine Mink... \$37.50
Alaska Seal... \$37.50

Ladies' Scarfs...

Imitation Stone Marten... \$3.50
Genuine Marten... \$4.95

Ladies' Capes...

Electric and Krimmer... \$45.00
Electric and Stone Marten... \$55.00

Ladies' Jackets...

Electric Seal... \$55.00

CHILDREN'S SETS.

Thibet Sets—Muff and Stole... \$1.15
Opossum Sets—Muff and Stole—Pocket Book in Muff... \$2.49
Ladies' Muffs—Variety of Furs—\$1.00 to... \$18.00

THOUSANDS of
Christmas Presents

At the LOWEST PRICES in Decatur,

At WINGATE'S LAMP-CHINA-JEWELRY TOY and DEPARTMENT STORE

Wingate Block, 328 N. Water St.

DOLLS--We have a Large Stock of Handsome face, well-proportioned body DOLLS at LOWER PRICES than any store in this city.

Iron Wagons 50c	Upholstered Shoofly 65c	Brass with Sticks... 9c
Coasters 19c	Not Up holstered 45c	Others to... 85c
Sleds Steel Body 49c to 85c	7-piece Water Set 39c	
Dressers 25c to \$1.75	100 piece Dinner Set \$4.90	
Guns 5c to 98c	7-piece Berry Set 19c	
King Air Rifle 85c	Child's Knife and Spoon 8c	
Rich Gold Hanging Lamps complete \$1.38 to \$12.00	18 inch Doll Buggy with 6 1/2-inch wheels—rattan body... 15c	
	21 inch Doll Buggy with folding Paracola and steel wheels... 99c	
	20 inch Doll with Pat. Head... 10c	
	10 inch Kid Dolls, Basque Head... 25c	
	25c, Others to \$2.00	
	Celebrated W. L. & Co.'s and S. Bros. Rings.	
	PRICE 25 CENTS	
	Warranted 5 Years.	
	25c, 50c, \$1.00.	
	Music Rack... \$1.00	
	Decorated Vase Lamp, tinted shade to match, central draft burner, worth \$2.50, for... \$1.89	

CHRISTMAS
SCOVILL CO. BIGGEST, BUSIEST, EST.



Offer the balance of the Tiddeonte Chair, Co. Rockers at less than the price of their production. Don't do a thing until you see them.

800 PARLOR ROCKERS

Bought at a bargain; we give our customers the benefit.

LOT 1 at... \$1.50
LOT 2 at... \$2.00
LOT 3 at... \$2.50
LOT 4 at... \$3.50

—ALSO—

100 Mahogany Music Cabinets, \$9.75.

SCOVILL CO. BIGGEST, BUSIEST, EST.

The Only Complete Housefurnishers.

IF IT COMES FROM SCOVILL'S IT'S ALL RIGHT.



The Best Place... To buy Toilet Articles Of Every Description, Is Here...

I have just received for the Winter and Holiday Trade a New and Up-to-date line of BRUSHES, COMBS, MIRRORS and SMALLER TOILET ARTICLES, in Sterling Silver, Ebony and other finishes.

Come in and look them over whether you intend purchasing now or not.

FRANK CURTIS,

Successor to—

OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.,

Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

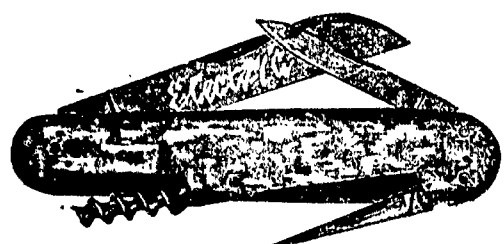
156 EAST MAIN STREET, - - DECATUR, ILL.

Hello! Merry Christmas!

Want a Handsome New Slipper or Shoe?
Thought we'd let you know we have them.

Ladies' Fine Kid Strap Opera Slippers, \$2.00	
Ladies' Fine Kid Two Button Strap Opera Slippers.....	\$1.50
Ladies' Fine Kid One Strap Opera Slippers.....	1.00
Boys' Chocolate Goat Everett Opera Slippers.....	1.00
Men's Fine Kid Romeo, Black or Tan.....	1.50
" " " Opera, Black or Tan.....	1.50
" " " Royal Purple Opera Slippers.....	1.25
" Velvet Embroidered Everett Slippers.....	1.00
" Kangaroo Kid Everett Slippers.....	1.00
" Imitation Alligator Everett Slippers.....	.75
" Velvet Embroidered Everett Slippers.....	.54
Large Line of Warm Lined Goods.....	\$1.24 to \$2.50

F. H. COLE SHOE CO.,
148 EAST MAIN STREET.



Extra Fine...

Of course it is an easy matter to buy a pocket knife, and a good one, but if you want one that is really VERY fine we suggest that you see our line. We have the best that money can buy, and that is the proper quality for presentation purposes. Every blade as fine as the finest razor. We guarantee this to be so. If you find you are mistaken please return the knife for a new one or your money back.

Elegantly finished knives, with silver linings, pearl handles, etc.
We put them up in handsome leather pocket cases. Very neat.

DECATUR GUN CO.

BEST

Holiday Perfumes

FOR
ATOMIZERS.
ALL ODORS.

35c Ounce.

WEST'S DRUG STORE,
...Lincoln Square...

LOCAL NEWS.

Triple Extract, 25 cents oz. at Neilsen's.—16-d1w

Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.

Smoke the Little Joker—5 cent cigar Pictures and Frames at Melchers' Art Store south of the Postoffice.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-d1w

Vive Cameras, Opera House Drug Co. Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.—1-d1w

Best line of pictures in the city. Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co.—22-d1w

Regular meeting of Couer de Leon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, tonight. All visiting brothers especially invited.

Five candies at Glossner's, 148 East Prairie.

Roast Pig for Christmas at the Royal Market.—12-d1w

E. C. Thayer has taken room No. 306 in the Millikan building and will open an employment agency.

A lazy liver makes a lazy man. Burdock Blood Bitters is the natural, new r-failing remedy for a lazy liver. For sale by all druggists.

Do you want plastering done? If so telephone 1462, old 'phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—5-d1w

200 Taffeta Silk Umbrellas 26x28 inches, finest imported handles, regular value \$6.00 to \$8.00 at \$3.95 each. Bradley Bros. Dec. 10-d1w

You can save money by buying Christmas goods of A. J. Wallace, 551 North Water street. All fancy goods, books, bibles, etc., going at closing out prices.—17-d1w

Silks for Waists, a dollar quality this week at Bradley Bros., 61c yard. Dec. 19-d1w

The latest and sweetest Perfume—Everblossing Violet. Opera House Drug Co.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church have pledged \$1000 to the church debt. The profits from their dinner and supper will be turned into this fund.—17-d1w

It is a pleasure and a delight to visit the C. B. Prescott music house. The Chickering and Puckard pianos are the leaders. See them.

Beginning Wednesday

Our store will be open nights for the balance of this week to enable you to purchase X-mas goods in our line.

Pocket Cutlery.

Our H. & B. Knives are warranted. All blades are hand forged.

Carving Sets.

Good quality and prices as low as good goods can be sold.

Razors.

Our razors bear our own name on the blade and each and every one is warranted.

Scissors.

In scissors and shears we carry nothing but first quality goods and are glad to replace any that are defective.

AIR RIFLES, SKATES, and many other things that will please that friend.

SAY!--What would your wife think if you should give her one of those elegant Buck's Steel Ranges for X-mas.

C. L. Griswold & Co.

TROUBLE WITH SEWER.

Workmen Trying to Find the Place Where it is Obstructed.

Several men are at work on the sewer on East Eldorado street just east of Broadway. The sewer has been stopped up for several days and the cellars in the neighborhood are filled with water. There is a manhole in the middle of the block but this was filled with water and the men have been trying to pump out the water so they can get down to the sewer and run long rods into the sewer to find the obstruction. An attempt was made to find the obstruction from the Broadway sewer, but it could not be reached. The sewer seems to be filled with a heavy grease which has stopped it up. There is probably an imperfection in the sewer where the grease and other trash has collected. It is likely that it will be necessary to take up a portion of the sewer and replace it as there has several times been trouble in about the same place.

CENSUS OF TOWNSHIP

Would be Expensive to the County if It is Necessary to Take One.

At the last meeting of the board of supervisors the question was brought up as to whether or not Decatur township was entitled to another supervisor. It was believed that such was the case and a committee was appointed to look into the matter. As yet the committee has not discussed the matter. One of the committee in discussing the matter said that he thought it would be necessary to take a census in order to ascertain just how many supervisors the township was entitled to and if such was done a good deal of expense would be incurred. He says he does not think it would be worth while to expend any money in such a way and that it would be best to let the matter go until the regular census is taken rather than to make any expense. The committee, however, will decide about the matter when they come together.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Held a Meeting to Confer With Clark, Woolard & Co., About Robert Blue.

The members of the finance committee of the city council held a meeting Wednesday evening for the purpose of conferring with Mr. Clark of the firm of Clark, Woolard & Co., the firm having the scavenger contract with the city. Attorney Noy Loggess came to the meeting to represent Mr. Clark, but as the members of the committee wanted to see Clark in person nothing was done. Mr. Loggess stated that the firm would object to paying Robert Blue or patrolling the river as it was not in the contract to patrol the river and the city had hired Blue for that work. The attorney also stated that as far as breaking the contract was concerned the firm would like to have the city show in what respect the contract had been broken.

Farmers' Institute.

The members of the program committee of the Farmers' Institute composed of W. H. Bean, C. A. Thrift, Frank Muirhead and C. E. Wheeler, have been calling upon the merchants to secure advertisements and special premiums. They have been meeting with success and the merchants all seem to be willing to give something toward making the institute a big success. The program has not been made out yet but it is the intention to have among other out of town speakers J. W. Carter of Danville, and President John W. Cook of Normal.

Holiday Rates.

The Indiana, Decatur and Western railway will sell tickets between all stations and to all points in Central Passenger Association territory on December 23, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31, and January 1 and 2, at one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good returning including January 3, 1894. For time of trains, rates, tickets and full information call on any I. D. and W. ticket agent or address John S. Lazarus, General Passenger Agent.—18-d1w

Will Pay Dividends.

The report of Attorney L. A. Mills, assignee of the estate of L. B. Casner, was on Wednesday approved by Judge Hammer in the county court. Tomorrow Mr. Mills will be prepared to pay to the various creditors of the estate the dividend of 25 per cent.

To the Ladies.

Take your dresses, cloaks, jackets, waists and wrappers to be dyed in any color, or dry cleaned and pressed to look like new at a small cost. to Miller's Decatur Steam Dye House and Dry Cleaning Works, No. 145 North Main street.—21-d1w

frowbridge's Christmas Gift.

The package of blankets for the firm of J. G. Starr & Son, which was lost from the Pacific Express wagon last week was picked up by M. M. Gregory, a boy employed at the Western Union. Mr. Frowbridge, who drives the wagon, would have been out \$10, the value of the package, if it had not been found.

Found Dependent.

Geneva Bancroft and Amanda, two little girls, mention of whom was made yesterday, were declared dependent in the county court and ordered taken to the Anna B. Millikin Hoine.

DAY OF WEDDINGS

Bells Rang Merrily for Many Happy Couples.

PARSONS BUSY AT THE ALTAR

Uniting the Hearts and Hands of Young Men and Women—

Pliny J. Smith and
Bride Going South.

The marriage of Pliny J. Smith of this city and Miss Grace Oliver of Bloomington occurred Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at the parsonage of the Church of God, Rev. M. S. Newcomer, the pastor, officiating. Immediately after the ceremony the couple went to the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Smith, and enjoyed a wedding supper. After being in the city for a few weeks Mr. and Mrs. Smith will go to Fonda, Alabama, to make their home. The groom is a well known newspaper man and has in Decatur a host of friends whose best wishes he receives. The bride is a handsome young lady of Bloomington, who has many times visited in Decatur.

DEPPO-JONES.

Miss Lulu Jones, late of Springfield and Robert Depo were married by Justice Provost on Wednesday afternoon.

McDANIEL-HOUCK.

Miss May Houck and George W. McDaniel were united in marriage at the home of the groom's mother on East Orchard street on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Bliss. The bride wore white silk and carried bride's roses. About 40 guests were in attendance.

The groom is a clay worker and the bride has made her home with the family of Conrad Ammann for a number of years. They will reside at 400 East Condit street after January 1.

WOLFE-HUTCHINSON.

The marriage of Miss Daisie Hutchinson and Henry Wolfe was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents southwest of the city on Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a small company of friends and relatives by Rev. A. W. Hawkins of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of this city.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Hutchinson, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wolfe of South Wheatland township. They are a most estimable young couple. They will reside on the groom's farm near his former home.

WOLFE-BAINNEY.

Francis J. Wolfe and Miss Kate Bainney, both of La Place, were united in marriage by Judge W. J. Hammer at his office on Wednesday afternoon.

LUKENBILL-SHOCKEY.

Miss Flora B. Shockey and Charles N. Lukensbill were married by Judge Hammer at his office on Wednesday afternoon. The groom gave his age as 17 and the bride's at 16. They were accompanied by the groom's father and the bride's mother both of whom gave their consent.

Funerals.

The funeral of Arthur F., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Doupsey, who died suddenly on Wednesday morning, was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family residence on West Cerro Gordo street. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Murphy and the burial was at Calvary cemetery.

The funeral of Mary, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kowalski, was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, No. 538 Folk street. The services were conducted by Rev. Marcus Wagner and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

Collector's Office.

Cass Nicholson expects to open his office for the collection of taxes about January 10. The room in the court house which formerly was rented to the collector is now occupied by the coroner and an office must be found elsewhere, but as yet the collector has not decided where he will be located. He will endeavor to secure an office in a convenient part of the city.

A Chance to Visit Your Friends.

Holiday excursions via the P. D. and E. Ry. at cheap rates. Your ticket agent will tell you all about it. See him and get particulars.—2-28d

Family House Party.

There will be a family house party at the home of Hon. and Mrs. W. T. Moffett in Blue Mound township, beginning on Christmas day. It will continue all week. There will be about 30 children, grand children and great grand children in the party. There will be feasting, music, various games and a good time generally.

CHRISTMAS ORATORIO.

Elaborate Entertainment to be Given at St. James' Church.

The members of St. James' German Catholic church are making preparations to give an elaborate entertainment on the Monday after Christmas. On Wednesday a full rehearsal was held. There is some fine musical talent in the church. The oratorio will be given in the large hall in the new school building. The oratorio is a famous one and some excellent music will be presented. There are six numbers as follows:

1. Representation of the Old Testament; the longing for our Lord. This picture shows David playing a harp and the prophets explaining holy scripture.
2. The Annunciation, representing the Blessed Virgin at prayer and an angel saluting her.
3. The birth of our Lord, showing the blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph adoring the holy infant.
4. Adoration of the shepherds. This picture represents some shepherds and shepherd boys adoring and admiring the infant.
5. The three Magi offering their gifts as they usually appear.
6. Christmas joy with Christmas tree.

AT THE GRAND.

HUMAN HEARTS.

Hal Reid's beautiful production of "Human Hearts" will be presented on Monday evening next. The author has painted a picture that will live in the memory of lovers of true and life-like melodrama for all time to come. No play has ever appealed more strongly to the public than "Human Hearts," where it had such a long and profitable run at Miner's Fifth Avenue Theatre, New York city, meeting with the most pronounced success. Those who have been fortunate enough to see "Human Hearts" will gladly welcome the return of one of the best productions upon the stage.

JULIA MARLOWE.

Julia Marlowe's newest success, "The Countess Valenski," will be the attraction at the Grand opera house Thursday, December 22. It is a romantic drama from the German of Rudolph Strak. The time of the piece is the early part of the century when Napoleon was working out his tremendous scenes, which if they had been successful would have left him the dictator if not the despot of Europe. The play does not solve anything. It is just a plain ordinary everyday bit of humanity set in a fine dramatic frame. There is not even a villain in it, unless the villain be the hero, who under stress of peculiar circumstances does things of which he cannot conscientiously approve.

Marriage Licenses.

Robert Depo, Decatur, 22.
Lulu Jones, Decatur, 23.
Pliny J. Smith Decatur, 26.
Grace Oliver, Bloomington, 18.
Charles N. Lukensbill, Emery, 17.
Flora B. Shockey, Emery, 16.
Samuel A. Berry, Forsyth, 20.
Della Dukes, Forsyth, 19.
Francis J. Wolfe, La Place, 25.
Katie Bainney, La Place, 20.
Henry Wolfe, Wheatland township, 24.
Daisy A. Hutchinson, Wheatland township, 20.

Administrators.

William M. Ramebarger has been appointed administrator of the estate of the late William H. Ramebarger. The only heir is the son of the deceased. The estate consists of 285 acres of land in Macon county and 106 acres in Piatt county. There was no personal estate. The administrator gave bond in the sum of \$300.

J. K. Hardy has been appointed administrator of the estate of James H. Johnson. There are eighty acres of land and personal property estimated to be worth \$500.

Christmas at Macon.

The members of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches are making preparations for Christmas. Both churches will give entertainments next Saturday evening for the young people.

Holiday Rates.

The P. D. and E. Ry. will sell tickets between points on its line on December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31 and January 1, at rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets good returning until January 3. Call on your ticket agent for particulars as to territory.—2-28d

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kargy of East Wood street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bartlett on Tuesday, December 21, a daughter. Residence 456 South Oakland avenue.

Cigars for Christmas.

The Mueller Manufacturing company has given away 500 boxes of cigars. The firm sent a box to 500 superintendents of water works in different parts of the country as a Christmas greeting.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

WHITE'S GO

Failed to Clean Out a tel at Peoria.

HOLDEN CO. IN A BIG MU

Leading Lady the Central
ure in the Commotion.

Actress Attacked by the Proprietor
and Members of the Company
Hastily Rush to the Rescue—Arrests.

PEORIA, Dec. 23.—There was a lively racket at the Cosmopolitan hotel on South Madison avenue a few minutes after noon and the police were called. The hotel is largely patronized by theatrical people and a party is stopping there now, or was stopping there. They got into a row and are supposed to occupy a table by themselves, so as to interfere with the regular board.

At noon one of the ladies of the company, Mrs. Bracket, took a seat at the wrong table and Miss Host requested her to go to the next table, whereupon she refused with scornful toss of the head and a remark that she would sit where she pleased. Then Landlord White attempted to make her move by force, and in the incidental struggle pushed the head lady through a window. This brought all the other members of the company to the rescue, and a charge upon the landlord in a body. He pulled a revolver, but before he could use it it was snatched from his grasp and then he was at their mercy. They hustled him out of the dining room, finished their dinner and then called out to have warrants sworn out for the arrest of White on charge of assault with a deadly weapon, assault and battery and disorderly conduct. For several minutes the greatest uproar prevailed and one time a general riot was imminent. The leading lady fainted and was carried to her room.

NO CLUB CHANG

Will be a 12-Team League of Players as Heretofore.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Young of the National League does not believe there will be a change in the League. The 12-club plan will still hold, he thinks.

"I cannot see how it would be possible to reorganize it into eight leagues and put them into the field next April, even if the problem of buying out Louisville and Washington and cutting off Cleveland and Boston were already settled."

Young says the League must, of itself interest, improve the St. Louis club and the best way to do this is shift the Cleveland club to the Missouri City.

"The latest official development of the situation," said Young, "indicates that we will start the season of 1894 with the circuit of 12 clubs, a fair prospect of the Cleveland playing in St. Louis."

IN NEW YORK

Admiral Sampson Arrives from Havana for a Christmas Visit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The cruise of the New York today arrived from Havana with Admiral Sampson on board.

Admiral Sampson said he had come home to attend his daughter's wedding on January 4, at Glen Ridge, N. J.

PAID FOR A LIFE

Mexican Government Forks \$5000 to Escape Trouble.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The department has received through United States Minister Clayton the Mexican government's draft of \$5000 to be paid to the heirs of a Hoppe, a native of New Orleans. Hoppe had been working in Mexico.

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